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FLOOD-STRUCK

Schools back online?

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After the deluge

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From suburbs to tech corridor, upmarket neighbourhoods to slums, Bengaluru is drowning in shoddy flood defence downpour after downpour

AQUAPOLIS NOW

Closed golf course sluice gate floods Amarjyothi Layout

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Somewhere in Bengaluru's tech corridor on Monday

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As was the scenario in multiple locations across Bengaluru, continuing incessant downpour put residents of Amarjyothi Layout near Domlur to grievous inconvenience due to sudden water-logging on Sunday night. They alleged the closed sluice

“Rainwater entered our homes at 3:00 am on Monday. We have been struggling to drain the water and clean the sump...”

— Pramod, 5th Cross, Lal Bahadur Shastri Nagar, near Indiranagar

gate of the stormwater drain at the golf course maintained by Karnataka Golf Association (KGA) led to flooding of their homes, especially basements of high-rise buildings at the layout.

“We have not faced flooding till the last three years. When the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) constructed a stormwater drain between the Inner Ring Road

Junction and KGA compound wall, the KGA installed a sluice gate at the compound wall. Our area floods whenever the sluice gate is closed. I think the sluice

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On Rapid Response

Civil defence quick response team not called in for flood rescue, relief



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The civil defence quick response team (QRT) which was actively involved in many past rescue operations in the state, with expertise to deal with emergency scenarios, restore vital services and damaged facilities, is not being sought for flood relief and rescue in Bengaluru.

The civil defence QRT was involved in many flood relief and rescue operations in Kodagu, Mangaluru, Chennai and even during North Karnataka floods. They have rescued people during building collapses and such; however the team has not been given the permission to actively involve in rescue operations in Bengaluru.

Members from the civil defence team pointed out that in spite of having the necessary equipment for rescue operations the team's services were not requested for the various emerging emergency scenarios.

“We got a message from a senior officer in our team stating that we all should wait till official instructions. So we are not involved in relief and rescue. The civil defence QRT has been trained in watermanship, first aid, communications, firefighting and neighbourhood security amongst other services,” said a civil defence warden on the condition of anonymity.

On Sunday night, a member of the civil defence team received a call for help from

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Journaling nature



Green Panther, a venture connecting kids with nature is hosting an engaging workshop for kids on natural journaling to inspire more youngsters to take up nature journaling.
When: September 10, 11 am
Where: Bangalore Creative Circus
Tickets: Register at 9727582092

02 Nikhil Chinapa live!

Are you ready for a night full of great music, tasty food and an energetic ambience? DJ Nikhil Chinapa is in town, so wear your dancing shoes and head to this event.

When: September 9, 7 pm onwards

Where: Raahi Neo Kitchen & Bar
Tickets: bookmyshow.com



03 Morning Ragas



If you are a fan of Indian classical music, then this is the event for you. Listen to some beautiful morning ragas by artists U Rajesh and Jayateerath Mevundi.

When: September 11, 9:30 am onwards

Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall
Tickets: bookmyshow.com

Remembering KK

What are the names of the two studio albums of KK?

Send us your answers on WhatsApp to this number: 9591233247. Winners will get free passes for the 'Sing for KK' concert in memory of the singer featuring Kunal Ganjawala and Zubeen Garg.

Rain chronicles: Schools to shift to online mode

Considering flooding and heavy rains, many schools in east Bengaluru issued circulars on Monday stating that classes will be held online

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It's back to online mode in a few schools in east Bengaluru as many areas were flooded due to heavy rainfall. A number of schools sent circulars on Monday morning asking parents not to drop kids to school and instead switch online mode for classes.

A school official told Bangalore Mirror, "Mahadevapura is home to some of India's best schools, IT companies and the highest income tax paying wards in the country. Yet has some of the worst road infrastructures in India. There seems to be limited desire and ability to address this issue. The pandemic has already led to significant academic learning gaps, depression, and social anxiety. Our civic apathy and the government's indifference to fixing our roads beyond the odd pothole will cost us our future."

We wonder why the State Government doesn't have a rain storm warning system that world-class cities have to alert the public about the potential for jams and floods, caused by heavy rains. The official added that this would have enabled the learning community to make contingency plans to ensure continuity of schooling and adult supervision for our children.

Nooraine Faza, Founder of



School authorities do not want students to risk their lives by commuting on flooded and have decided to start online classes

Inventure Academy said, "Thanks to the online learning platform we created due to the pandemic we were able to switch to online school across grades

1-12 on Monday."

Many students said that as it rained till Monday morning and floods cut off houses from roads, and they preferred to stay at

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— Nooraine Faza, Inventure Academy

home instead of risking their lives by going to school in such dangerous conditions.

Another school sent a circular on Monday morning stating, "Given the amount of time children have already missed on account of the pandemic, we have decided to move classes online for middle and senior school."

Nanda P, a tenth-standard student said, "We need to continue with the hybrid mode of learning. For the last two years, we have faced problems because of covid and now rainfall. This year, Bengaluru has been worst affected by rainfall. As there is no clue when it will start pouring again, it is always better to switch to online mode when there is a prediction of heavy rainfall. We earlier had instances where a school bus got stuck in an underpass and thankfully kids were rescued."

Govt to challenge HC verdict on revising ranks

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The State government has decided to file a review petition or submit an appeal questioning the order of the High Court to issue the ranking list considering the 24,000 students who wrote the Common Entrance Test (CET-22) even though they had passed out in 2021.

CN Ashwath Narayan, Minister for Higher Education said on Monday after convening a meeting with higher officials of the department and legal experts in his residence. "The legal experts will decide whether to submit the review petition before the single bench which passed

“The legal experts will decide whether to submit the review petition before the single bench or to go for an appeal

— CN Ashwath Narayan, Minister for Higher Education

the earlier order or to go for an appeal. If the earlier order of the high court is implemented it will hamper 1.5 lakh students. Since the examination was not held the last year due to covid all the students passed. This resulted in more students securing over 90-95 per cent of marks. But this year's examination has been held as usual. In such a case, if the PUC marks of last year's students are taken into consideration, the ranking secured by students of this year will go down significantly. We want to resolve the situation reasonably within a time limit."

Steps will be taken to complete the counselling process before September 30. The results of the supplementary examination and NEET have not yet been announced. Those who approached the court have adhered to a technical point. Instead, he added that they should have understood that the decision was taken in the last year, given the pandemic.

Meanwhile, students said that the process should be expedited. "The admission process has been held for a long time since the matter has been in court. Because of KCET, even COMED-K

has postponed choice filling three times for days. The seat matrix is also not being released this year since the matter is in court," said Adarsh Gowda, an engineering aspirant.

The students demanded that the issue be solved at the earliest so that the seat matrix and fee structure for the engineering colleges can be released.

On the other hand, the freshers from the 2022 batch also said that the high court decision is unfair to them. "For our batch, we had to focus on both our board examinations and KCET. The other students did not even have to write their board exams and were already at an advantage. It would be very unfair for the freshers if their PUC marks are considered," said Mohit Nagaraj, an engineering aspirant.

City without electricity. Is it a city?

Citizens forced to take leave from work due to no electricity and road flooding

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Even tech hubs like Marathahalli, Bellandur and Sarjapur have been powerless since Sunday

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After heavy showers on Sunday, the power cuts in the city left the routine of Bangaloreans in a disarray. Those working from home complained that power cuts disrupted their work.

Sutripti Mitra, a resident of Marathahalli, said, "After the rain yesterday, I am facing a lot of problems. There has been no electricity since Sunday and no proper means to even get water. There is so much water outside my apartment that I cannot go to the office. There is no holiday in our office, and my senior is asking me to work from home. But I am not able to do that either because I am not able to charge my laptop. I am not even making calls to save my phone's battery."

Many were forced to take leave from their work due to power cuts. Nigin Robert, another resident of Marathahalli, said, "I had to take leave from my office today because there is no electricity since yesterday. There is no way to charge my laptop. My pay is also getting deducted without any fault of mine. I am not able to give a call back home either because there is very little battery on my phone."

The lives of the residents are completely disrupted, they are not able to do everyday tasks due to no electricity.

Rohit Jain, a resident of Sarjapur, said, "My mother and I stay alone. Due to no power supply, our water filter is not working, and we suffer from a water shortage. We had no idea that power will not be there for such long hours otherwise, we could have stored extra drinking water. I am not able to go out either because there is so much water outside my apartment. We are also not able to cook food because there is no water."

Many who use induction cookers for cooking are left in a helpless situation.

Surbhi Joshi, a resident of Bellandur, said, "Just a few days ago I exchanged my gas cylinder and bought an induction cooker. However, I was not able to use that either because there is no power since last night. I literally have no option for cooking, and I cannot even order a cylinder now because no one will be able to deliver it as everything is covered in water."

A Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited official, said, "Due to the heavy rains yesterday, a few poles fell because of which the electricity in certain areas got disrupted. However, we are looking into the problem and working on it."



Superheroes save the day

Newspaper vendors across the city and the state are not letting the non-stop rain come in the way of duty. As the rain pours on, we request our readers to spare a thought and show support to the wonderful effort put in by these superheroes.

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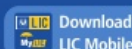
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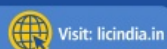


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We shall overcome

It took many hands and ropes to pull out a car from a waterlogged road in Bellandur on Monday. But this was the scene largely everywhere in the city with vehicles breaking down left, right and centre

'We have lost all that we had'

Residents of Munnekollal locality have had their entire life washed away in overnight rains — food, clothes, groceries, books — it is all gone

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The heavy rains in the city caused havoc in many localities, flooding basements of apartment complexes. Among the worst-hit was the Munnekollal locality, where over 1,500 slum dwellers overnight lost everything they had to the rain water gushing into their houses.

The slums are inhabited by pourakarmikas, waste pickers, auto drivers and other working class families and most have lost all their belongings and food supplies.

The water had heaped up to 3 feet high and the furniture like beds, couch or even some houses which had TV and small refrigerators were all inundated. Their blankets, bed sheets, grocery items, students' books and bags, clothes are all dripping and beyond repair.

Mallikarjun, a daily wage worker, told BM, "Our vessels, clothes, ration -- all are destroyed. We can't go back to that house again as everything is ruined. We have nowhere else to go and we have lost all that we had. Now we do not know what to do. With a little bit of money, we bought whatever basic amenities we could. But now that too is gone. There are over 1,500 families that are affected. Many have babies and cannot take them anywhere."

Another slum area in the vicinity with 70 people was also affected.



Around 1,500 slum dwellers lost all their belongings to Sunday's rain in Munnekollal locality

“BBMP should also ensure proper housing in a permanent facility and compensate for all the losses

—Maithri Krishnan, AICCTU

A resident Nagappa said, "In the middle of the night, water started to seep inside my house. I have two small kids and when I saw the water coming inside, I took my children and went out. We sat on a tree log nearby the entire night as we had nowhere to go. Our ration is fully soaked in the dirty black water, we cannot use it again. Now from where will we get food and where

do we stay?"

The All India Central Council of Trade Union (AICCTU) Karnataka has been actively following up with the residents and helping them, and they even alerted the BBMP about the issue. "Nearby Munnekola, there are many paying guests (PG) accommodations, all built illegally encroaching the storm water drains. Some people have even kept petty shops, those shops are destroyed now. We have asked the BBMP to provide the affected with the essential kits, and even make temporary accommodations for the time being and then provide permanent housing," said Appanna, General Secretary, AICCTU.

On Monday morning, the BBMP had provided some food to the residents, and by evening a temporary

private place was given for the accommodation of a few residents. However, many were still waiting.

"The BBMP should also ensure proper housing on a permanent facility and must compensate for all the losses that have been incurred. They should also ensure provision is given to the residents," said AICCTU member Maithri Krishnan.

Joint Commissioner, Mahadevapura Zone, Venkatachallapati, said all was being done. "We have provided temporary assistance such as food supplies and even got boats to evacuate some of the people. We have taken up some choultry and asked them to move there but some do not want to go. We even got blankets and bedsheets. For compensation we have taken their names and numbers," he said.

FLOOD GATES

Vidhana Soudha not spared

Rains did not leave even the Vidhana Soudha untouched. The canteen located at the ground floor of the Vidhana Soudha was flooded. Employees who had come on Monday to prepare food were in for a shock. Finally, water pump sets had to be brought in to flush out the water. Surprisingly, some of the employees were alleging that sanitary water had also entered into the canteen.

No drinking water

There won't be any water supply to most parts of Bengaluru for the next two days. The Cauvery water supply to Bengaluru is supplied from TK Halli in Mandya district. However, owing to heavy rainfall in Mandya district, the machines used to clean and supply water to most parts of Bengaluru have been submerged. Hence, BWSSB has issued a press release stating that the drinking water to Bengaluru City will be affected for the next two days.

Field day for mechanics

With knee deep water on the Outer Ring Road (ORR), many went on an adventure to cross the ORR 'lakes' as water had stagnated at the road. While a few got stuck in the middle of the water, others were lucky to cross it before their luck ran out. Many bikers and car users complained of water entering into the silencers and their vehicles switching off. As a result, there was a huge demand for mechanics, who were providing on the spot solutions on ORR. However, motorists complained that

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they had to pay extra to these mechanics to which the servicemen said that the prices were high as it was an 'on spot' solution.

Injuries on rise

BBM has dumped huge pipes to divert water near Ecospace. However, locals said that a man fell into the pipe and got injured. So, he had to be shifted to a nearby hospital in an ambulance. Around 9.30 am, a security guard was seen trying to help a person who had fallen on the road as he slipped. He was given first aid then sent to a nearby hospital. Meanwhile, many bikers are complaining that the potholes and the rain were making the ride a dangerous proposition.

Manic traffic Monday

Usually, traffic is more on Mondays but this Monday saw long traffic jams especially on the Outer Ring road and on Sarjapur Roads. As most of the roads were inundated, there was little space for vehicles to move. Vehicle users were complaining that they had to pay extra to cabs and autos as many vehicles refused to take them to water logged places or were getting stranded in traffic jams.

Water parks

Walkers could not enter the Soundarya park in Rad-

hakrishna Ward, Sanjay Nagar as most parts of the park were inundated. It had turned into

a mini pond.

Airport users hit

Citizens took to social media to highlight their plight at the airport. Pictures of water logging at the parking lot were shared showing the difficulty of getting in and out of the airport.

Tech parks affected

Many areas in and around Manyata Tech Park were under water after the flash floods. Employees couldn't reach work on time. Even areas in and around the tech park like Ramaiah north city faced water logging.



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Bengalureans are in a Catch-22 situation. For many, staying inside homes is not safe anymore as water can enter the houses anytime and they cannot step out as the roads can get waterlogged at the drop of a downpour too. Experts have pointed to encroachments and excess rainfall as important reasons for the inundation of most parts of the city.

One this is for certain-- 2022 is one of the worst rain-hit years in the history of Bengaluru. Experts say that Bengaluru has received the highest rainfall this year since 1971 (except for 1998 when the city received 725 mm of rainfall). The average cumulative rainfall for the monsoon months (from June 1 to September 5) for Bengaluru is 313 mm. However, this year, Bengaluru has already received 709 mm of monsoon rainfall.

Well, we don't need to remind you that the south west monsoon is active over the city till October 15 and this will be followed by the arrival of the North East monsoon (mostly a chain of cyclones in Bay of Bengal). This is 2.7 times more than normal rainfall.

Experts say that on August 30

WATERWORLD

City receives highest rainfall in 22 years

and 31, many parts in Bellandur (12 places) and Mahadevapura (five places) were affected. However, Sunday's rainfall has affected most parts of the city.

In fact, the rainfall between August 24-31, Bengaluru has received four times more than normal. For September 1-5, Bengaluru was to receive 25 mm of rainfall but ended up receiving anywhere between 150 to 300 mm of rainfall. Around eight localities in the city received more than 200 mm of rainfall.

On Monday, 28 localities in Mahadevapura, nine in Bommanahalli and 24 in East were inundated. BBMP officials claim that while the water receded quickly from the East as it flowed towards Mahadevapura zone, the residents of Mahadevapura had to bear the brunt.

However, water storage capacity in most of the lakes has reduced as either the lake area has shrunk due to encroachments or debris is being dumped in the lakebed. One of the classic examples is Savalkere. The Savalkere overflowed on August 31. Experts say the lake area has shrunk and debris has been dumped in it. So, the lake started overflowing and the water flooded the ORR near Ecospace. On Sunday, the water flowing out of Savalkere increased.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said that overflowing lakes were resulting in inundating many places. "For example, now Vibhutipura lake is filled to the brim. However, the rajakaluve which could carry the overflowing water from Vibhutipura lake has

been encroached upon. Hence, we are planning as to what is the best we can do. Savalkere has been overflowing for a few days and this is the reason why we are seeing water logging at Ecospace. Though we have created shoulder drains at Ecospace, it is not enough. Since Sunday due to heavy rainfall, the overflowing lake from Savalkere and water from a few apartment complexes has been flowing towards the Bellandur lake. However, as Bellandur lake is filled up, the water flow towards the lake has slowed down. This is causing water logging in upstream area."

As pressure mounts on authorities to remove encroachments, BBMP claims that it is on the job. However, experts say that BBMP should have acted earlier.

Experts suggest that the BBMP should completely remove all encroachments at least now. Nath said, "We need not issue notices to remove rajakaluve and lake encroachments. Our demolition drive is going on by keeping surveys and maps as reference."

So far, we have removed encroachments at 40 places and 350 encroachments on drains need to be removed now."

Our demolition drive is going on with surveys and maps as reference. So far, we have removed 40 encroachments

—BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath

14 cm record rainfall
Samapngiramanagar received the highest of 14.85 cm of rainfall, HAL 14.1 and Varthur 14 cm of rainfall. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that the intensity of the rainfall has been such that 164 lakes have been filled up in the city.

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Experts say as the Bellandur Lake is already completely filled up, rainwater has nowhere to flow to and so there is waterlogging in the upstream area of the lake

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Cops on duty

Rain was adding to traffic cops' work burden as many had to do the duty of BBMP as well. At HAL Airport Road, the traffic cops were seen clearing the water logging at Spice Garden. When asked, they said there was no time to wait for BBMP personnel to come and clear the mess as the jams got longer. So, they had to step in.

Pulling buses

BBMP buses were on the service to help people get around. But, some buses also got stuck. One of the buses was stuck at Whitefield Main Road. The staff had to depend on the people to 'rescue' the bus. More than 20 people had to tie a bus to a rope and pull it out of the water.

Shopkeepers' loss

Many shopkeepers reported huge losses as the rains swept away their stored goods. One shopkeeper in Rainbow Layout said, "Last time, I was stuck in my shop when it rained. This time, as it started raining heavily on Saturday, I left my shop early. But now as even the money collected is inside the shop, I had to take a boat to reach my shop. But, most of the items are washed away and it is a huge loss for me."

Monsoon weddings

It may be exotic for people to tie the knot under water. In Indiranagar, though it was not so when a groom's house was flooded and the residents had a tough time managing the guests. In Mysuru, a wedding hall was almost inundated. Chairs at the wedding hall were seen floating in the water. But, the family was not ready to call off the wedding as they had paid the rent. So, the groom and bride were taken to a separate room where there was no water logging and the wedding took place.

Basement afloat

More than hundreds of cars and bikes parked in the basement got flooded in many apartment complexes across the city. Suresh S, a resident of Whitefield, said, "Due to heavy rainfall, the entire basement was flooded and the cars were submerged. Even bikes cannot be used. We wanted to use water pump sets to remove the water but due to electricity issues, we are unable to do that."

Hurry up and remove bollards

As rain-struck motorists were further inconvenienced by bollards that are yet to be removed, BBMP to clear them out urgently

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The BBMP is scrambling to remove all bollards to mark bus lanes from flyovers after learning that they add to traffic woes. On Sunday, in the heavy rain, those going towards Bellandur had to contend with another hurdle other than the waterlogged streets -- it was the remaining bollards on the flyovers. Following this, motorists urged the BBMP that bollards be removed on an urgent basis.

Due to the ongoing Metro work, the bus lane was suspended until BMRL completes its blue line work. The formerly dedicated bus lane now allows mixed traffic and BBMP is in the process of removing all the bollards. Along the stretch especially on the Bellandur flyover, one can see half-broken bollards, bollard bases, and studs poking out the ground. Removing bollards on an immediate basis could be a great relief to the motorists stuck in endless traffic on Outer Ring Road.

Due to the water-logging caused by intense rains, traffic was moving at a snail's pace and hundreds of motorists were stuck on flyovers near the Bellandur area. The bollard in the middle proved to be an additional and unnecessary obstruction to better flow of traffic.

Motorists complain that bollards need to be removed scientifically and from all

Case of Base

Why shoddy removal of bollards from sole bus lane on ORR is a sticking point



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Motorists, especially two-wheeler riders on ORR, are frequently being waylaid by the remains of removed bollards sticking out of the ground. These fixtures pose a huge risk to life as well as vehicles. Motorists said their vehicle tires were being punctured and it may result in accidents. The only Bengaluru bus lane has been effectively erased with the removal of bollards; however, the remnants of the bollards can be seen in a couple of spots. Commuters afflicted by ORR traffic congestion have one more reason to worry about. To ease traffic, DMRT permitted mixed traffic to flow on the bus lane on ORR. Bus lanes demarcated by bollards were expected to be reinstated after Metro work.

BM had reported on Aug 29 about shoddy removal of bollards



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Some of the bollards demarcating the bus lane on ORR are yet to be removed. These proved to be another pain point for rain-struck commuters

along ORR. "In the last meeting, it was decided that bollards from cycle and bus lanes need to be removed. But there seems to be confusion over which agency will remove it. Bollards and studs need to be removed scientifically allowing for easier passage of vehicles over it. Previously also, bollards have been responsible for fatal accidents while entering bus lanes. However, the

removal process might be hindered due to the sudden rains now," Krishna Gowda, General Manager at Outer Ring Road Companies Association (ORRCA).

BBMP has been authorised to remove from flyovers and BMRL was tasked with removing from all other areas across ORR. Despite orders, motorists wonder if the civic body is taking active action in getting them judiciously removed.

The motorists' association added that as the traffic has increased to the pre-covid era, bollards need to be removed. "Private vehicles are already using bus lanes. In some areas, the bollards have been removed. We do not understand

why it's being done selectively. Bollards should be removed from all of ORR," said Raghavendra Poojari of Karnataka State Motorist Association.

BBMP officials assured BM that all bollards will be removed by September 9. "We are removing the bollards. The work was started last week onwards. All bollards from KR Puram to Silk Board junction will be removed. In the Doddanekundi area, we have cleared on one side and the other side is in progress. We have cleared bollards from one side of the Bellandur flyover as well. By Friday, we will clear bollards from all flyovers," said BBMP TEC executive engineer Balakrishna.



This is not happening. But it is

Many Bengalureans never expected that they would have to dump their expensive cars and opt for rafts instead. But at Rainbow Layout, the locality looked like a lake with a few houses in between. The cars parked in front of the houses and roads were almost submerged. The owners of these cars were in no position to use them as they were either unable to reach the cars or couldn't have driven even if

they reached near it. Finally, their only means of transport was by boat.

Good Samaritans

Many Good Samaritans chipped in to help those who were stranded in flash floods. Many took rafts and helped people in the Rainbow Drive Layout. As the ORR near Ecospace got flooded again, the security personnel were seen helping pedestrians cross the road and extending helping hand to motorists.

Pets & tractors

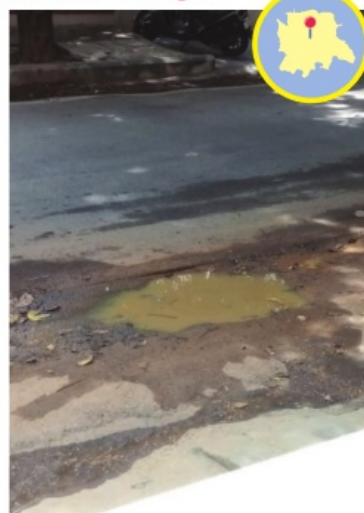
Tractors were of a great help for the people who were moving to safe places. In many places, people were seen moving in tractors along with essentials as these vehicles with huge tyres could easily wade through the knee-deep water. In a few tractors, people were seen moving around with their pets as well. In Yamalur, SDRF rescued senior citizens and students and helped them move to safer places using tractors. —BMB

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Cable guys

Hoysala Nagar



The road on 8th Main is dug up and a chamber was built for optical fibre connection. But the company did not repair the damaged road. Should the cable contractor not be held responsible?

Hijab ban: SC asks if students can wear whatever they like

Hearing remained incomplete, matter adjourned to September 7 for further hearing

#NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday while hearing pleas challenging the ban on wearing hijab in educational institutions asked the petitioners whether girls can wear whatever they want in educational institutes.

A Bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia's remark came when the court was hearing various petitions challenging the Karnataka HC judgement upholding the ban in educational institutes. Senior Advocate Sanjay Hegde, appearing for the petitioner raised questions on the state's power to prescribe the uniform as per the Karnataka Education Act.

The court asked if there is no such power to prescribe uniforms, can girls come in minis, middies, whatever they want. The court remarked that there is a dress code in some public spaces as some restaurants allow a formal dress code, in some restaurants you can go in a casual dress.

The court also observed that wearing Hijab may be a religious practice, but the question is can you wear Hijab to a school where a uniform is prescribed?

Senior advocate Hegde tried to draw similarities with chunni and pagdi as he submitted that scarf is already a part of the uniform because chunni is allowed. But the same argument was not accepted by chunni and pagdi is different and cannot be compared to the hijab as it covers the shoulder.

Senior Advocate Sanjay Hegde also Karnataka Education Act to support his arguments and submitted that according to the rule if you have to change the uniform, you have to give at least one-year notice. During the hearing, the Supreme Court sought to know how the discipline of the school is violated due to the wearing of the Hijab. Karnataka Advocate General narrated the incident related to the



Students seen outside a school premises in Frazer Town

issue and informed the SC that when some students started protesting for hijab, another set of students wanted to wear saffron shawls, which led to a situation of unrest and thereafter on Feb 5, Government Order was issued.

Karnataka AG said, "The government has directed institutions to prescribe uniforms and it does not violate the rights of the students. The government only says follow the uniform prescribed."

During the hearing the Supreme Court sought to know will Hijab be allowed in a minority institution. Karnataka AG replied, "Yes, there may be" and said that "the government has left it to the institution to decide the uniform and there is no government interference."

The court sought to know the stand regarding government colleges. AG replied that the government has left it to the College

“The government has directed institutions to prescribe uniforms and it does not violate students' rights. The govt only says follow uniform” —Karnataka AG

Development Council and some of them, like Udupi PUC, have taken a decision to not allow hijab.

Justice Gupta also asked about the Hijab in educational institutions run by Christians. According to Karnataka AG, Christian institutes are not allowing Hijab while the advocate for the petitioner said that some are allowing it.

As the hearing remained incon-

clusive, the matter was adjourned to September 7 (Wednesday) for further hearing.

Various petitioners have approached the apex court challenging the Karnataka HC order upholding the Karnataka government's order which directs strict enforcement of schools and colleges' uniform rules.

One of the appeals in the top court has alleged "step-motherly behaviour of government authorities which has prevented students from practising their faith and resulted in an unwanted law and order situation". The appeal said the High Court in its impugned order "had vehemently failed to apply its mind and was unable to understand the gravity of the situation as well as the core aspect of the Essential Religious Practices enshrined under Article 25 of the Constitution." —ANI

Gauri Lankesh trial adjourned till Sept 14

#BENGALURU

A special court here on Monday adjourned to September 14 the trial in the activist-journalist Gauri Lankesh murder case.

The trial was to resume today, exactly five years after her assassination.

The case came up before an in-charge judge of the special court for Karnataka Control of Organised Crimes Act, (KCOCA) cases which is hearing the trial.

The KCOCA judge, who is on leave will return to duty on September 12, and will fix the dates of the trial on September 14. The trial is being conducted for a week every month since July this year. Gauri Lankesh was murdered outside her Rajarajeshwari Nagar residence on September 5, 2017. The prosecution has in its charge claimed that Gauri Lankesh's murder has connections with the assassination of Kannada writer MM Kalburgi and the murders of Govind Pansare and Narendra Dabholkar in Maharashtra. There are 18 accused in the case facing charges under Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the KCOCA and the Arms Act. —PTI

Narayana Hrudayalaya's new buy

#NEW DELHI

Healthcare provider Narayana Hrudayalaya on Monday said it will acquire a Bengaluru-based orthopedic and trauma hospital for Rs 200 crore.

The company has inked a business transfer agreement with Shiva and Shiva Orthopaedic Hospital to acquire its orthopedic and trauma hospital as a going concern on slump sale basis, including all assets, liabilities, employees, licenses, Narayana Hrudayalaya (NH) said in a regulatory filing.

Part of the Sparsh Group of hospitals, which has presence across Karnataka, the concerned unit with around 100 operational beds has an operational track record of over a decade offering orthopaedic services, it added. The unit generated operational revenues of over Rs 49 crore in the last fiscal. "The acquisition will enable NH to foray into the trauma and orthopaedic specialty within the Narayana Health City campus," the healthcare provider stated. —PTI

UK's new PM wins by smaller margin than expected

#LONDON

Britain's next prime minister Liz Truss had a smaller margin of victory on Monday than any of her predecessors, suggesting she might have to work hard to heal a governing party deeply divided and lagging in opinion polls.

After a bitter contest, Truss won 57% of the votes from Conservative Party members compared to 43% for her rival, former finance minister Rishi Sunak, a margin that although comfortable was not as overwhelming as some polls suggested.

It was the narrowest victory since Conservative members were given a say on who to elect as their party leader in 2001 and she has a lower level of support among Conservative



Liz Truss speaks at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre after being announced as the Conservative party leader and British PM

lawmakers than any of her predecessors this century.

Polls during the leadership campaign suggested that Truss's victory margin would be larger. A YouGov poll in August had Truss on 69% to Sunak's 31%.

"It was closer than expected," said Andrew Bridgen, a Conservative lawmaker. "By the end of the week, we'll get a new government and you'd be amazed at how this party can come together and unite."

In her acceptance speech, Truss ruled out a snap election and promised to deliver a "great victory" for the Conservative Party at the next general election in 2024.

"I campaigned as a Conservative

and I will govern as a Conservative," Truss said. "We need to deliver over the next two years."

Scotland's leader Nicola Sturgeon, who wants her country to break away from the rest of the United Kingdom, and Frances O'Grady, the general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, mocked the size of the win.

Sturgeon pointed out that the size of Truss's victory was smaller than the support Scotland would need to win independence under a new law she is allegedly considering.

Truss is planning a new referendum bill that would mean Scotland could only win independence if 50% of those entitled to vote were in favour, not just a majority of those

who voted, the Sunday Times reported.

O'Grady said the size of her win would not meet the threshold that Truss wants unions members to have to declare for workers to legally strike in the future.

In 2019, Truss's predecessor Boris Johnson, who was forced to resign over a string of scandals, won 66% of the vote. In 2005, David Cameron's defeat of David Davis was even more commanding, with 68% of the vote.

The last three Tory leaders called on Monday for the party to unite behind Truss as the country's new prime minister, saying it was vital the Conservatives now work together to address the challenges facing Britain.

—Reuters

WORLD

Quick response team standing by

KAUSHIK JN

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Hebbal after an ambulance and many motorbikes were stuck at the Hebbal Underpass.

"We do not have the permission to go in as a civil defence QRT for any rescue; so some of us decided to go ourselves and help. We went in a heavy vehicle and towed all the motorbikes out. There were no people in the ambulance; we just helped to move it to a corner. The team had some equipment donated by an NGO during the Kodagu floods which included a vehicle, a chainsaw and a foldable stretcher; using these, we voluntarily carried out the rescue," a team member told BM.

They further pointed out that even the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) was not roped in to be a part of rescue and relief. "Last time when the Rainbow Drive Layout was flooded the



NDRF and QRT actively helped in rescue operations. This time only the fire and emergency department's services were sought," said a member of QRT.

The civil defence QRT has various equipment like water pump sets, floating stretchers, small and

big boats which can help in quick and efficient flood rescue and relief operations.

"With this equipment we can be actively involved. We are getting many calls but as we do not have the permission we cannot use those equipment," said a member.

Bengaluru is now a water world



BBMP workers removing sluice gates installed by Karnataka Golf Association

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gate was closed on Sunday night," said Amarjyothi Residents' Welfare Association secretary Balakrishna Mehta. Residents said they already complained and requested the BBMP and KGA to keep the sluice gate open and avoid overflowing rainwater from the drain that was constructed three years ago. "We have written letters to the KGA and BBMP requesting to fix this problem but in vain," he said.

Shanthinagar MLA NA Harris visited the spot on Monday afternoon and ordered BBMP to remove the sluice gate and directed the KGA not to put any obstacles in the drain.

"I have directed the BBMP to remove the sluice gate immediately. KGA committee members or the person in-charge for the maintenance of the golf course should have concern towards neighbours (residents of Amarjyothi Layout). They should not cause any inconvenience," said MLA NA Harris.

The MLA was seen telling the KGA staffers that the drain was constructed with their consent. "Who gave you permission to put up a gate at the storm-water drain? Nobody. If you have any problems, that is a different issue. We are ready to fix those problems," the MLA said.

The downpour on Sunday night made life miserable for many residents. Many basements of high-rise buildings on the Inner Ring Road flooded with water overflowing from roadside drains. "I do not know what to do. Around 30 new two-wheelers, which were kept in the basement, were inundated with rainwater. Rainwater entered the basement from the roadside drain in front of our building," said Sai Hero Showroom manager Prathap S.

GN Satyanarayana, proprietor of Prasiddhi Silks, expressed shock over the flooding of the basement. He said it would be difficult for him to bear the additional cost of draining the rainwater and repairing the diesel generator. "We are in trouble due to a slump in business. Two security guards have lost their clothes, groceries and home appliances due to flooding of the basement," said Satyanarayana.

Employees of HCAH SuVitas were seen draining water from the basement. "Around 40 employees work here. We have over 40 inpatients. With the canteen at the basement inundated, we have to depend on private hotels for food for our staff as well as inpatients,"

said HCAH SuVitas business manager Satheesh Y.

The ISRO Housing Colony resembled a pond. Residents attended the office without taking their vehicles that were submerged in rainwater. "It is for the first time our housing colony flooded to this extent. Our engineers have arrived to find a solution for this problem," said Vijayashree, president, ISRO Housing Colony.

Houses in HAL 2nd Stage were flooded with rainwater too. "The BBMP constructed a concrete road but failed to make arrangements for smooth flow of rainwater into the nearest drain. Rainwater entered our homes at 3:00 am on Monday. We have been struggling to drain the water and clean the water sump," said Pramod, resident of 5th Cross, Lal Bahadur Shastri Nagar, near Indiranagar.

Klay Prep School and Day Care declared a holiday on Monday due to flooding of the school premises. "BBMP failed to remove silt from the roadside drain. We declared a holiday for the school as it is flooded. I want the BBMP

Many basements of high-rise buildings on the Inner Ring Road flooded with water overflowing from roadside drains

to remove silt from the drains," said a teacher.

Shivakumar V, a social worker from Domlur, said the BBMP should have taken measures to remove silt from stormwater drains and roadside drains. "The BBMP and the former corporator from Domlur did nothing to remove silt from the roadside drains thus causing flooding in and around Amarjyothi Layout," said Shivakumar.

Demanding the BBMP and BWSSB to remove silt from roadside drains and also clean choked manholes to avoid inconvenience and health-related problems for the residents, Balakrishna R, a resident of Indiranagar II Stage, said many manholes have been overflowing for the last five days but nothing has been done.

Fire and Emergency Services received more than 20 calls complaining of waterlogging. "We pressed our staff and vehicles into service to drain water from basements of buildings," said Bangalore district fire officer Hemanth Kumar K.

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Colourful Kitchen

Thinking of redoing your kitchen? Here is a guide for you to decorate your kitchen and make it picture perfect

A colour renaissance has been long overdue, especially in light of the spread of all-white spaces. These roomy, monochromatic areas seem classy while also being serene and photogenic. Additionally, there are a wealth of colourful wallpapers and patterned tile designs you may explore alongside adding vibrantly coloured paint to your home, starting with the kitchen.

Even if you're willing to run to the paint store, there are more options besides simply painting your walls a cheerful pink or a soothing green. Vases, plates, hutches, and other items can all be used to add colour to a space. Alternately, for a splash of colour that seems a little more varied, peruse the many colourful wallpaper selections that are offered. Combining all of these ideas may be a terrific new beginning for your kitchen if you're feeling extra brave.

Implement a Coral Burst
Coral is the perfect balance of pink and orange. Despite having

a big year in 2019, it has solidified its position as a fashionable kitchen cabinet alternative. Whether you paint your uppers, lowers, or the entire kitchen in peachy pink, it will work well for you as a punchy touch of colour. It is a warm and spicy colour.

The Contemporary farmhouse look

The sage green cabinets add a pleasant pop of colour against the stark white ceiling and the cosy wood elements. The addition of a pastel colour can brighten your kitchen area while retaining your minimalist style and giving it a rustic yet sophisticated sense.

The shade of sage green is especially popular in kitchens. Because it is a light, calming tone, you will value the natural, neutral appearance it offers your kitchen for many years to come. Sage green may be used in a variety of ways in the kitchen, including on the walls, cabinets, and appliances. This is advantageous for small kitchens as it makes them seem bigger than they are. Larger kitchens benefit from having

more open areas and light, which produces a cosy atmosphere.

Think About a wider Spectrum of Colours when you think of colourful, it's easy to imagine neon hues and pastels, but jewel tones shouldn't be disregarded. They are bold and atmospheric even though they aren't as loud and impressive.

Reduce the brightness and embrace sapphire, emerald, and ruby hues if you want to come across as elegant. Many of these gems are actually good partners, which may surprise you.

Khaki ceramic tile colour scheme

If you use deep red cabinetry, khaki-coloured ceramic brick tiles, and just a dash of dark grey counters, your kitchen will have a stylish red colour scheme emphasis. As a result, your kitchen's interior design takes on a striking mood and is bold, fashionable,

and brilliant.

This colour scheme could be paired with muted one-colour floral or patterned wallpaper on one wall to highlight the red tones of the cabinets.

Focus on Threes

A kitchen with three tones or one that uses colours derived from gemstones can be very effective. The space has a soothing wood base, but the amethyst, teal, and pink surfaces give it a fresh, contemporary feel. If you like to keep things simple, you may let the cabinets and cupboards take care of the colour scheme for things like light fixtures and kitchen utensils.

Make it all yellow

Since yellow frequently appears to be quite bold and is typically used as a secondary hue or as an accent colour to make distinctive additions, choosing it for the entire kitchen can be difficult. A yellow kitchen, though, might unintentionally lighten the room and give it a cottage-style home feel. When there is limited natural light, painting your kitchen a yellow tint will visually warm the space.

The teal kitchen

The best way to incorporate teal into your kitchen is to paint the cabinets that colour while keeping the countertop material, which is typically composed of marble, light grey or cream. Then, you could use a complementary yellow shade in your kitchen design to act as an accent colour and draw attention to your main teal colour. This combination helps give your kitchen area vibrancy, making it appear bright and fresh at any time of day, regardless of how dirty it may be.

Making the kitchen dark

A straightforward strategy for a colourful kitchen can produce a modern look. The combination of warm wood cabinets, white marble counters, and gold hardware results in the aesthetic indicated above. Another strategy is to use dark teal or grey cabinetry with copper and white accents. Woodcraft International, a renowned interior design company in India, suggests combining the cabinets with black appliances and white marble background.

As a final resort, one might use the wood island countertop, white marble counters, and soft grey cabinets to combine warm and cool tones in the kitchen design.

The kitchen is often referred to as the heart of the home. It is where loved ones and friends will assemble to enjoy meals made with care. Therefore, choosing the appropriate colours for a kitchen is essential. The chosen colours can greatly impact the ambience you want in a room, especially in a kitchen.

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All you need to know about...

Occupational asthma

What is it?

If you suffer from occupational asthma it means you're breathing in chemical fumes, gases, dust or other substances while on the job which brings on asthma.

What are the symptoms?

Occupational asthma causes classical asthma symptoms such as chest tightness, wheezing and shortness of breath. Other symptoms could include a runny nose, nasal congestion, eye irritation and tearing.

What causes it? Over 250 workplace substances have been identified as possible causes of occupational asthma including animal substances; chemicals used to make paints, varnishes and adhesives; chemicals used to make insulation; packaging materials; and foam mattresses.

Enzymes used in detergents and conditioners can exacerbate asthma, so can metals, particularly platinum, chromium and nickel sulphate. Then there's plant substances, including proteins found in natural rubber latex, flour, cereals, cotton, plus respiratory irritants, such as chlorine gas, sulphur dioxide & smoke.

What's the treatment?

The same medical guidelines apply to treating both occupational and non-occupational asthma, which means 'preventers' and 'relievers' which can include inhaled corticosteroids, long-acting beta agonists and combination inhalers. Short-term medications include short-acting beta agonists and oral and intravenous corticosteroids.

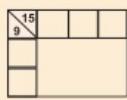
How can you prevent it?

Workplaces need to control level of exposure to irritants. Measures can include effective air filtration, better control methods, using less harmful substances and providing personal protective equipment. You can do things on your own too - quit smoking, get a flu vaccination, lose weight and avoid medications that may make symptoms worse.

—Dr Miriam Stoppard, Daily Mirror

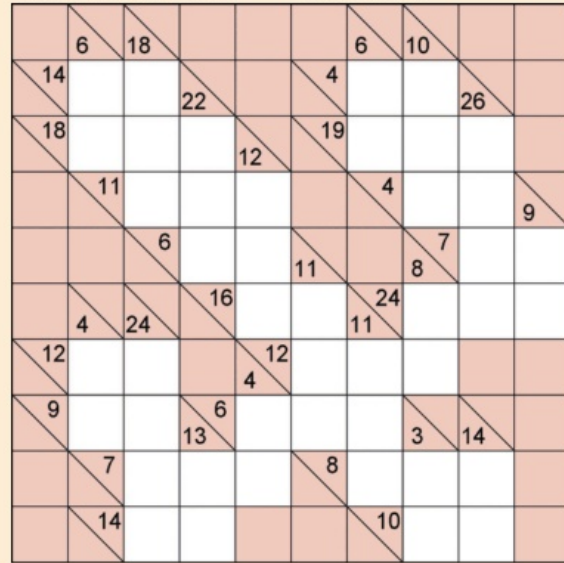
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

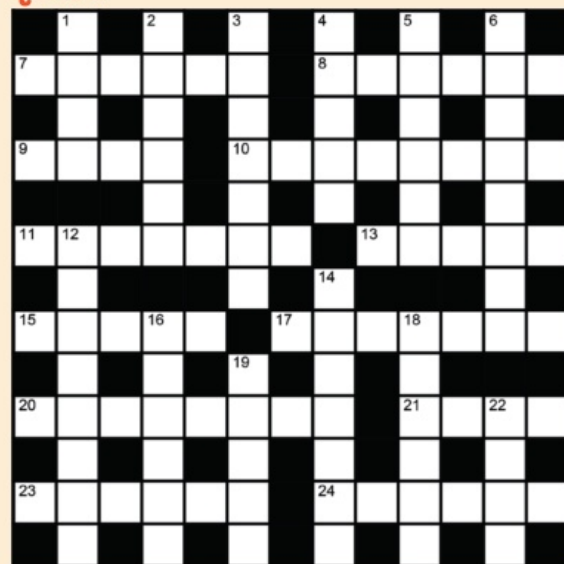


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 7 Puzzle (6)
- 8 Ancient Roman poet and author - "Girl Vi" anagram? (6)
- 9 Himalayan myth (4)
- 10 White ants (8)
- 11 Lower someone's spirits (7)
- 13 Jeans fabric (5)
- 15 Tyre inflators? (5)
- 17 Contradicted, disputed or denied (7)
- 20 Cosmetic surgery (8)
- 21 Drop below the surface (4)
- 23 Cubic capacity (6)
- 24 Lustrous (6)

DOWN

- 1 Leg joint (4)
- 2 More ungainly to look at (6)
- 3 Toy dog breed (7)
- 4 Asserts or affirms (5)
- 5 Speak well of (6)
- 6 Supply route (4-4)
- 12 A teacher or a tutor? (8)
- 14 Dizziness, feeling of tilting or spinning (7)
- 16 A network of vessels (6)
- 18 Lake: Picnic spot north east of the city. (6)
- 19 Magnitudes (5)
- 22 Crosby, Stills and ____? (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: U EQUALS H
QUBS UB URX JBRXBI ZE UBRO
ZUB WRSG, UB WRG IVXJBD
ZUB ESB, ZUB VSSBD XEPI
QUVJU CVNNX ZUB EPZBD.



Linemaro

You may have to leave soon, you're making the rest of the women look bad



Mindchow

Thought is the blossom; language the bud; action the fruit behind it



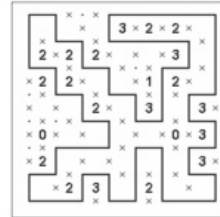
Joke of the day

Nobody will ever win the battle of the sexes. There's too much fraternising with the enemy

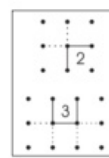
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

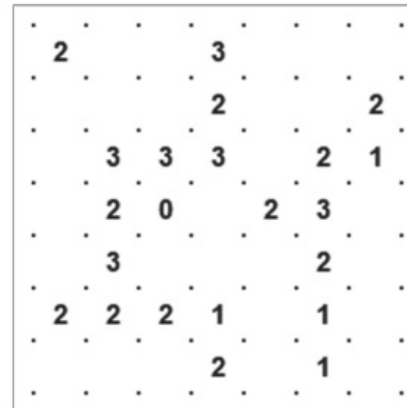


(Fig B)
Not Allowed

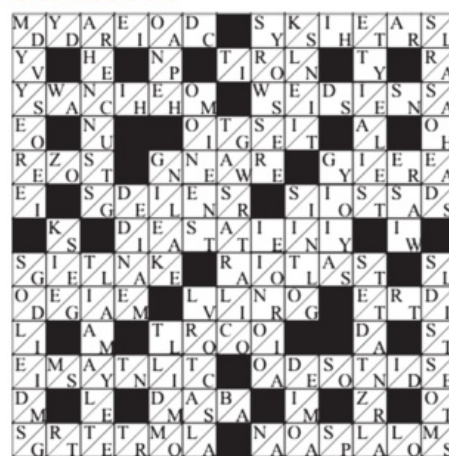
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

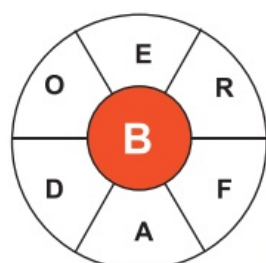
- 1 Studs; 6 Hut no;
- 7 Cheap; 8 Bait I;
- 9 Tucks

DOWN

- 1 C Stud; 2 I hunt;
- 3 Hub as; 4 Optic;
- 5 Stake

Mensapuzzle

What percentage of the figure is shaded?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

19 Average; 21 Good; 23 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

2 3 4 7 = 2

Medium

2 4 5 8 = 19

Hard

2 4 6 4 = 6

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cabinet is wider. 2. Apron is different. 3. Hair is different. 4. Arm is missing. 5. Curtain is missing. 6. Broom is different.

Riddler

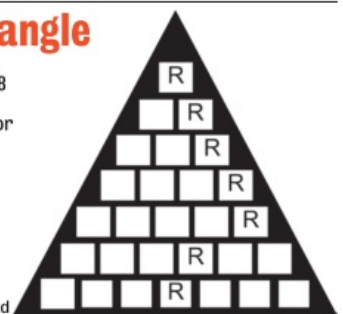
Take the given words, and by moving a single letter from one word to the other, make a pair of synonyms, or near synonyms. For example, given: Boast - Hip, move the 's' from 'Boast' to 'Hip' creating two synonyms: Boat - Ship.

1. Gaze - Freed
2. Snail - Pike
3. Snag - Cold

Alpha triangle

- 1 Right letter
- 2 Atomic number 18
- 3 Forbid
- 4 Reluctant investor
- 5 Yellow hue
- 6 Shadows
- 7 Offence

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



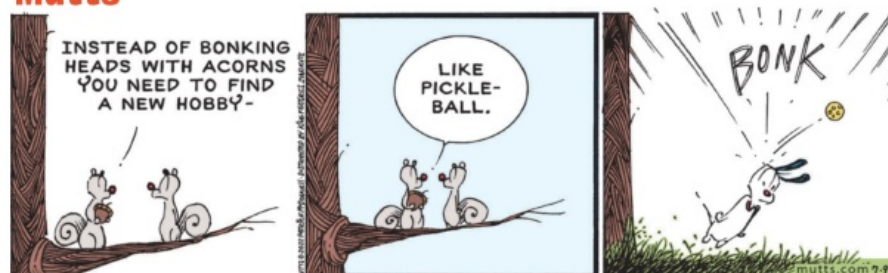
Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today you may feel better, situations may be under control. Your network may help you on the work front. You may plan for overseas travel. This is a good time to focus on domestic harmony and love life. You may buy some artefacts or creative stuff for the family. You may also plan to go for an outing with friends or family.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today you may be busy with kids' academics, and you may make plans for their higher studies also. Couples may hear good news in terms of children and family. You may think to update yourself and make some plans for higher studies for getting a promotion in your current job. Singles may find their soul mate.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today disputes with the siblings may be settled down, it may boost your relationship with your siblings. Your vital force seems to be good, it may help you to complete some difficult projects easily. You may expand your network after a short work-related trip. You may also help some needy person which may increase your social status.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today extra work will make you tired. It may make you lazy and careless, you are advised to have patience. If you are planning an adventure tour, you are advised to postpone it for a while. Your past investments may convert into dead stock. Students are advised to work hard. You may have backache or some nervous system-related issues.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

You may try to escape from reality, and try to escape from your responsibilities. Your investments may give you some loss. You are advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature. Elders' health may make you upset. You may plan to reconstruct your house, it is recommended to postpone renovation for a while.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

You may feel lazy, dull and dissatisfied. It will affect your current speed of a project or work. Love birds are advised to avoid any important decision in terms of marriage. Job seekers may get disappointments in terms of interviews. You will waste your precious time on worthless tasks.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today your creativity may be on a high level, you may plan to renovate your house. You may buy some stuff to renovate your house or office which may increase your social status. It is likely to have some harmony with the spouse. Disputes with friends, co-workers and partners may be settled down.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

You may help someone in need today, it may increase your social respect. You may also put your hundred per cent effort into your work. You may hear some good news from your sibling. Too much work may make you tired, you are advised to avoid stress today, otherwise, it can affect your professional and personal life. You are advised to do meditation today.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today you may feel dull, your focus may be lost and you may take some difficult decisions. Your expectation may be very high and because of impatience, you are not able to full fill your expectation. You are advised to be careful in adventure tours and driving. But by the afternoon your profits may be increased, you are likely to start working with some new clients, which will increase in the business in near future.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today you may attend some creative event. Your money which was stuck may be recovered now. Jobseekers are advised to update their knowledge with the latest information. Students are advised to input some more effort into their academics.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today you may be busy with family social and family events and may become polite with the people around you, which may increase your image among your relatives and friends. You will spend money on buying some artefacts which will improve your social status. You may hear some good news from one of your close relatives.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today you are likely to control your internal weakness but after analysing yourself, you may regain confidence. Single people are likely to find a good match. Love birds will find clarity in their relationship. You may expect some opportunities for overseas travel. Students will hear good news in terms of academics.



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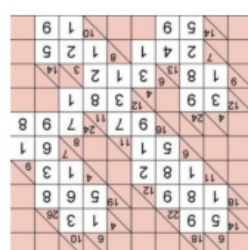
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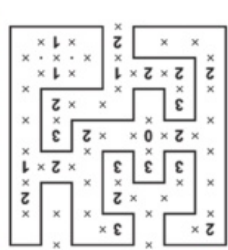
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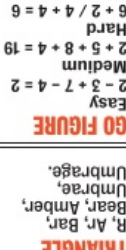
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KAKURO



LOOP



ALPHA TRIANGLE



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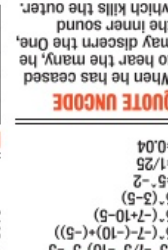
QUICK



STRIKE OUT



RIDDLER



SOLVE IN 1M

It's a hard life

Age is just a number is Sophie's response to trolls and ageists

Every 90s kid perhaps remembers having a crush on Sophie Choudry and grown up on her pop songs. She was undoubtedly a queen of that genre and continues to look like a million bucks even today. The actress has recently launched her song 'Gori Hai' which is getting quite popular.

Recently, when Sophie was promoting the song, the singer spoke about how dealing with trolls on social media who message her saying she should act her age. Sophie said that people tell her that 'Ek Pardesi' came out when they were in school

and now they look old but she still looks the same. But people are always going to comment on social media - good and bad, but age is just a number, confessed Sophie.

She was recently also seen in a reel with Malaika Arora and it was a treat for most fans with a burst of nostalgia hitting in. While the 'Chaiyya Chaiyya' girl gets trolled for her age quite often, Sophie believes that it's just easy to judge people from the outside but quite tough to survive in the industry. So, if someone has been there for all these years, hats off to them.

—ETimes



Florence is a force: Olivia



Actor-director Olivia Wilde has dismissed rumours of a rift with Florence Pugh, the leading lady in her latest "Don't Worry Darling", which has overshadowed its world premiere at Venice on Monday.

Pugh skipped the traditional news conference ahead of the screening. She is currently filming "Dune 2" and has blamed her heavy work schedule for her decision, and Wilde looked to hush speculations. "Florence is a force and we are grateful that she is able to make it tonight despite being in production in Dune. I can't say enough how honoured I am to have her as my lead," said Wilde, who also has a meaty role in the film.

All hail the queen

Makers of the upcoming period war drama film 'Ponniyin Selvan -1', on Sunday, unveiled the first look poster of actor Shobhita Dhulipala.

Taking to Instagram, Shobhita shared her poster which he captioned, "Quick witted, courteous and so much more than what meets the eye! Presenting @sobhitad as Vanathi! #PS1 #PonniyinSelvan #CholasAreComing In theatres on 30th September in Tamil, Hindi, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada!"

Shobhita is all set to portray the role of a witty and courteous queen Vanathi in director Mani Ratnam's next Pan-India project.

The trailer and audio of the film will be unveiled on September 6, 2022.

Apart from Shobhita, the

film also stars Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Vikram, Karthi, Trisha, and Jayam Ravi. Aishwarya will be seen in dual roles. She will play queen Nandini, the princess of Pazhuvoor, who is on a mission to seek vengeance, as well as Mandakini Devi in the historical drama.

Vikram will portray the role of Aditya Karikalan, Karthi will play Vanthiyathevan, Trisha will be seen as Kundavai and Ravi will portray the character of Arunmozhi Varman.

'Ponniyin Selvan-Part 1' is a cinematic adaptation of author Kalki Krishnamurthy's Tamil novel of the same name which was released in the form of a series during the 1950s.

'Ponniyin Selvan' marks the second collaboration of Aishwarya with south actor Vikram after their critically



acclaimed film 'Raavan' in 2010, and the fourth collaboration with director Mani Ratnam after 'Iruvar' in 1997, 'Guru' in 2007 and 'Raavan' in 2010.

The AR Rahman musical is all set to hit the theatres on September 30.



Ganesh Rao's 300th

Ganesh Rao is your quintessential cop in Kannada movies. Now, he has reached a milestone of having acted in 300 Kannada movies. His latest movie Naan Rowdy is scheduled for release on Friday. He made his debut in Sandalwood with Chamundi in 2000.



"I have acted in around 300 movies but I played a cop (police constable or police inspector) in 175 movies," says Ganesh Rao.

Rao plays a constable posted at a prison in Naan Rowdy, directed by Prashanth K Shetty. "I am posted at a prison and happen to give a lift to the hero on my scooter. He asks me about the people whose photos are on banners and posters. I happen to tell him that all of them are rowdies. Then it is my turn to be surprised, as he expresses his ambition of becoming a rowdy just to have cutouts or banners on his name," narrates Rao.

He is also known for acting in most of the movies directed by Om Sai Prakash.

Happens for the best

Karthik Venkatesh, who has had a hand in more than 20 responsibilities such as direction, music, stunts, dance, and others for Darpana which was released in 2017, is all set to handle the megaphone for his third movie - Aagodella Olledakke (Whatever happens, happens for the best). Its muhurat function was held at GD Layout near Vidyanarayapura last Friday. Bigg Boss fame Pratham sounded the clapperboard for the inaugural shot. A S Lohit, a real estate businessman from Seegehalli, is bankrolling this movie under Binisha Creations banner.

According to the director, the story is about the incidents that take place in everyone's day to day life. "The movie conveys a message to the audiences about the need to accept all incidents that happen in our day to day life with a positive attitude. We have to accept whatever happens in our life and it will ensure our life is beautiful," said Karthik.

He said the script revolves around love, terror and government. "It is an action thriller," he said.

